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HOSPITAL FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals established in the country for beedi workers till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open some more hospitals for them in the country particularly in Sholapur district of Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The Labour Welfare Organisation has established 4 hospitals and 206 dispensaries to provide health care & family welfare measures to the beedi workers and their dependents. The 4 hospitals are located at (i) Gurusahaiganj (Uttar Pradesh),(ii) Dhuliyan (West Bengal),(iii) Kodarma (Jharkhand) and (iv) Mysore (Karnataka).

(b) & (c): Efforts are being made to open three more hospitals i.e. one each at Mukkudal in Tamilnadu, Sagar in Madhya Pradesh and Biharsharif in Bihar. An additional hospital has been sanctioned for Beedi Workers at Jhalda, Dist. Purulia, West Bengal. At present there is no proposal to open a new hospital in Sholapur district of Maharashtra. However, Labour Welfare Organisation is operating a Static dispensary at Sholapur for providing primary medical and health care to the beedi workers and their dependents.